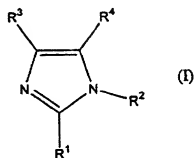


Abstract

An external preparation for skin disease which comprises a nitroimidazole derivative represented by the following formula (I):



5 wherein R¹, R³ and R⁴ may be the same or different and represent a hydrogen atom, a nitro group, a lower alkyl group, a substituted lower alkyl group, a lower alkenyl group, or a substituted lower alkenyl group; and R² represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a substituted lower alkyl group
10 and a lower alkenyl group or a substituted lower alkenyl group, provided that any one of R¹, R³ and R⁴ is a nitro group.